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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN MFA AGAIN ASKS FOR ACCOUNTING OF JORDANIAN DETAINEES IN IRAQ

REF: AMMAN 5663

Classified By: DCM David M. Hale for reasons 1.5 (b) (d)

¶1. (U) This is an action request for the Department.
Please see para 4 below.

¶2. (C) During a conversation November 9 on other topics (septel, nota), Ali al-Ayed, Director of Foreign Minister Marwan Muasher's Private Office, asked PolCouns for the status of the USG response to the formal Jordanian request for an accounting of Jordanian detainees in coalition custody in Iraq (ref). Ayed pointed out that the request had been sent in late August but, 10 weeks later, there had been no response. Ayed noted that the Jordanian government has been contacted by 37 Jordanian families who believe that they have Jordanian citizen relatives in coalition detention in Iraq. The MFA has been referring the families to the ICRC, which, according to Ayed, has been unable to provide the families information on any of the cases. (Subsequently, the MFA informed Jordan's official press agency that it had presented the Embassy a list of the missing. Embassy has received no such list.)

¶3. (C) ACTION REQUEST: Please advise how the Embassy should respond to this MFA second request.

¶4. (U) CPA Baghdad minimize considered.

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